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(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

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1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



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2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (see Box II).

4. With regard to the title,



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5. With regard to the abstract,



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the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1



as suggested by the applicant.



None of the figures.



because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.



because this figure better characterizes the invention.

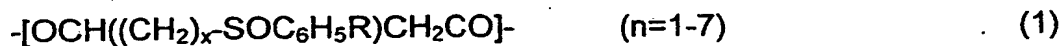
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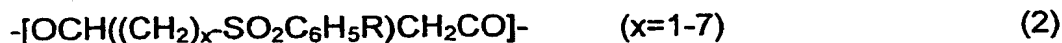
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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

A polyhydroxyalkanoate copolymer comprises one kind of unit of



(wherein R is any one of H, halogen, CN, NO₂, COOR', SO₂R'' (R' is any one of H, Na, K, CH₃ and C₂H₅; R'' is any one of OH, ONa, OK, halogen, OCH₃ and OC₂H₅), CH₃, C₂H₅, C₃H₇, (CH₃)₂-CH and (CH₃)₃-C) and



(wherein R is any one of H, halogen, CN, NO₂, COOR', SO₂R'' (R' is any one of H, Na, K, CH₃ and C₂H₅; R'' is any one of OH, ONa, OK, halogen, OCH₃ and OC₂H₅), CH₃, C₂H₅, C₃H₇, (CH₃)₂-CH and (CH₃)₃-C)

(CH₃)₂-CH and (CH₃)₃-C)

and at least one unit of chemical formulae (3) to (6):



(wherein R_z comprises a residue having either phenyl structure or a thienyl structure),



(wherein R_a is any one of H, CN, NO₂, halogen, CH₃, C₂H₅, C₃H₇, CF₃, C₂F₅ and C₃F₇)



(wherein R_b is any one of H, Na and K)

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C08G63/688 C12P7/62 G03G9/087 C08L67/04

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 C08G C12P G03G C08L

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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